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For : USE OF COMB-STRUCTURED BEAD-FORM POLYMERS, AND  
RESULTING COMPOSITIONS**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

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Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated May 21, 2007. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of each of the rejections of the outstanding Office Action, and request allowance of all the claims pending herein. Inasmuch as the three-month shortened statutory period was set in the Office Action to expire on August 21, 2007, Applicants hereby request an extension of time for three months and are concurrently filing a formal Request for Extension of Time, together with all requisite fees therefor. If for any reason the formal Request for Extension of Time is not associated with the file at the Patent and Trademark Office or the extension fee is deficient, this should be considered to be an express request for any necessary extension of time and authorization to charge any necessary extension of time fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims that begins on page 2 of this Amendment.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this Amendment.